

# HB 3209

## One Bill- Two Fixes

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### Adjusts RV Registration Fees

RV registration fees are shared between the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) and **all 36 counties** for the sole purpose of maintaining state and county parks. They are a critical funding piece for ensuring Oregon's parks support tourism. **Fees have not been increased in 24 years** (were adjusted in 2007, but were actually *decreased* at the time). Revenues are split 55% to OPRD and 45% to counties.

**Like all other services, parks and recreation is drastically impacted by historic inflation, while key revenues, such as RV registration have remained unchanged.**

#### **Legislation Actions**

Increases RV registration fees to adjust for inflation (fees were **last increased in 2001**) and indexes to account for future increases based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region. Proposed **biennial** registration fee changes are below in **bold**.

- Trailers or campers that are 6 to 10 feet in length, [\$81] **\$125**.
- Trailers or campers over 10 feet in length, [\$81] **\$125** plus \$7 a foot for each foot of length over the first 10 feet.
- Motor homes that are 6 to 14 feet in length, [\$86] **\$132**.
- Motor homes over 14 feet in length, [\$126] **\$194** plus \$8 a foot for each foot of length over the first 10 feet.
- For a recreational vehicle trip permit, [\$35] **\$50**.

#### **By the Numbers**

- Oregon's 36 counties manage **5,808** total campsites
- OPRD manages **5,665** total campsites
- **In 2022 Outdoor Recreation spending in Oregon totaled \$16 BILLION and contributed to 192,000 jobs.** Well-maintained parks are pivotal to this impact.

#### **Estimated Increased Revenue**

**Counties-** \$1,500,000 Annually  
**OPRD-** \$1,870,000 Annually

### Establishes Abandoned RV Fund

**Abandoned RV's continue to plague our public spaces, placing a large financial burden on all levels of government.** HB 3209 creates a funding source to pay for removal and disposal of abandoned RVs.

Most abandoned RVs are not in operable condition, require specialized (haz-mat) clean-up, and have nearly zero salvage value to offset removal and disposal costs. **Many can cost up to \$5,000 for removal and disposal.**

Modeled on a successful State of Washington program, the legislation creates a new user fee that would go to a dedicated statewide RV disposal fund to be managed by ODOT. **This bill does not change existing law governing the circumstances under which an abandoned RV may be removed. It is solely focused on cost recovery.** This section of the bill has a 10-year sunset.

- Creates \$25 annual abandoned recreational vehicle disposal fee paid at the time of biennial registration
- Fee proposed at \$40 when using trip permit in lieu of biennial registration

#### **By The Numbers**

- 185,000 campers, travel trailers, and motor homes registered in 2023.
- At a \$25/year disposal fee
- Raises \$4.6m/year or \$9.2m/biennium.
- Average for tow and disposal is \$5,000 each
- Will fund the removal/disposal of estimated 925 RVs per year.

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